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APPLICANTS: Brad Bongiovanni et al.

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EXAMINER: HARTMANN, Gary S.

FOR: "Locking Cover For Wells and Underground Tanks"

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**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2005. A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the date of the action, making a response due by January 18, 2006. Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response by one month from January 18, 2006 to February 18, 2006.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are shown in strikeout):

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